



MEADOWVIEW
REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Presbyterian Church in America

“...that in all things Christ might have first place.”
Colossians 1:18

The Lord’s Day
April 30, 2023

*The mission of Meadowview Reformed Presbyterian Church
is to savor the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and to be servants of that grace locally and globally.*

Reflection Before the Service

The Christian's instincts of trust and worship are stimulated very powerfully by knowledge of the greatness of God. But this is knowledge which Christians today largely lack: and that is one reason why our faith is so feeble and our worship so flabby. We are modern people, and modern people, though they cherish great thoughts of themselves, have as a rule small thoughts of God. When the person in the church, let alone the person in the street, uses the word God, the thought is rarely of divine majesty.

-J.I. Packer, *Knowing God*, p. 83

But while the subject humbles the mind, it also expands it. He who often thinks of God, will have a larger mind than the man who simply plods around this narrow globe. . . . The most excellent study for expanding the soul is the science of Christ, and Him crucified, and the knowledge of the Godhead in the glorious Trinity. Nothing will so enlarge the intellect, nothing so magnify the whole soul of man, as a devout, earnest, continued investigation of the great subject of the Deity. And, whilst humbling and expanding, this subject is eminently consolatory. Oh, there is, in contemplating Christ, a balm for every wound; in musing on the Father, there is a quietus for every grief; and in the influence of the Holy Ghost, there is a balsam for every sore. Would you lose your sorrow? Would you drown your cares? Then go, plunge yourself in the Godhead's deepest sea; be lost in his immensity; and you shall come forth as from a couch of rest, refreshed and invigorated. I know nothing which can so comfort the soul; so calm the swelling billows of sorrow and grief; so speak peace to the winds of trial, as a devout musing upon the subject of the Godhead. It is to that subject that I invite you this morning.

-Charles Spurgeon, quoted in *Knowing God*, p. 18

Today's Service

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer: *Isaiah 6:1-8*

Song: *And Can It Be*

Declaration of Faith: *Westminster Shorter Catechism #4,5,6*

Song: *King Of Love*

Song: *Come As You Are*

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory (*You can give online at www.MeadowviewPCA.org*)

Sermon: *John 3:31-36*

Song: *Death Was Arrested*

Benediction

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John 3:31-36

³¹ He who comes from above is above all. He who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks in an earthly way.

He who comes from heaven is above all. (v12-13)

³² He bears witness to what he has seen and heard, yet no one receives his testimony. ³³ Whoever receives his testimony sets his seal to this, that **God is true.**

³⁴ For he whom God has sent utters the words of God,
for **he gives the SPIRIT without measure.**

³⁵ **The FATHER loves the SON** and has given all things into his hand.

³⁶ Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life (v 15,16);
whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life,
but **the wrath of God** remains on him. (v18)

(COMPARE)

¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ **No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven,** the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

¹⁹ And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. ²¹ But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

The Creator – Creature Distinction

Pastor George Sayour

From Above vs. From the Earth

- The Doctrine of God & The Nature of Man
- The Doctrine of Revelation

Eternal Life or the Wrath of God

- Receiving & Believing
- Belief & Obedience

Member News

He will cover you with His feathers. He will shelter you with His wings. His faithful promises are your armor and protection. Psalm 91:4

Prayer Requests

- Nursing Home Resident** – Jackie Shelley – Summerstone Health & Rehab
Service Member – Kendall Gantt – Army National Guard, Salisbury
Special Rescue Unit – (Lisa Malek's brother)
Paul Clodfelter – Upcoming surgery for bladder/kidney cancer
Steve Riddle – recovery following bladder surgery.
Kenneth Hopkins – Hospice – Accordius Health
Family of Jess Hollifield – pray for peace and comfort for the family of Jess Hollifield who also leaves behind two small children.
Marie Reich – (Gerry James' sister) healing and rehab following hip replacement
Larry Swicegood – ongoing recovery at home from double pneumonia;
Debbie Thompson – upcoming GI appointment to discuss treatment options for benign, precancerous lesion
Brent McSwaim – (father-in-law of Kathy Rosser's grandson) Pray for Brent who is in critical condition following a major heart attack.
Ron Holder – (request from Gerry James) Pray for Ron, who has been diagnosed with cancer.
Carla Sanow – (Wanda Rummage's sister) failing kidney transplant from 20 years ago; MRI on the 28th; wisdom for treatment options
Jake Sowers – (Martha Myers' brother) cancer of vocal chords; pray for healing, peace, & comfort
Eva Bean – (Lisa Malek's 16 yo niece) anxiety, depression, panic attacks.
Preston Dalton – (friend of Ronnie & Sherri Walser) healing after bad fall
Rory Smith – (Richard Snyder's 3 year old great-great nephew) wisdom; second opinion at Shriner's for treatment of avascular necrosis
Jordan Partida – (friend of Gaven Swicegood) healing from brain tumor
Candice Yates – (friend of Zach & Heather Livengood) – Lung cancer; pray for healing, comfort, peace, treatment options & a good prognosis.
John Hargett – Ongoing healing & rehab following stroke
Tracy Davis – (Mara Lovejoy's neighbor) – healing from bladder cancer
Brenda Brogdon – (Dottie Hopkins' daughter) – treatment for cancer
Morgan Walters – (Trisha Prevette's former teammate) effectiveness of immunotherapy for cancer treatment
Meghan – (request from Jo Dicus) – Pray healing & encouragement
Chuck Woodson – (Shelly Wilson's father) – ongoing cancer treatments
Donna Swicegood - Ongoing peace & relief from anxiety
Scott Trogdon – healing from cancer & multiple health issues

Prayer Ministry

To be included in updates on our prayer chain or to submit a prayer request, email Debbie Thompson at pray4meadowview@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

Savoring the Grace of God

Weekly on Sundays: 9am Bible Hour & 10:30 Worship

Spring Bible Hour Classes

Discovering Meadowview

Adult Bible Hour: The Minor Prophets

Women's Bible Hour: Deeper

Tonight @ 5pm: Traditional Evening Worship Service

Living in the Grace of God

Wednesday Night Activities: 5pm–7:15pm Supper, Prayer, Classes

Supper: meatloaf, pintos, stewed potatoes, salad, dessert

Wednesday Night Class: Westminster Confession of Faith

Life Groups (contact payllon@meadowviewpca.org to connect)

May 24 @ 5pm: End of Year Celebration

Thurs., 5/25: @ 11:30am Senior Adult Luncheon *

Bring side/dessert

Mon. 6/19 – Fri. 6/23: VBS

Registration forms are in the Narthex

Officer Nominations: *If you would like to nominate a qualified man for the Offices of Deacon or Elder, the forms are available in the Narthex during the month of May.*

Ministering the Grace of God

Pastor's Pantry May: canned pasta (any variety)

Davidson County Senior Services:

Unisex adult pull-ups (all sizes; urgent need for men's XXL)

Boost/Ensure/Glucerna

place in designated bin on Sunday or may drop off at office

May 13 @ 9am: Car Care

May 16 @ 1pm: Blood Drive

June 10: Gotta Mission

*Indicates sign-up requirement/opportunity on bulletin insert

For more information about all events, scan the QR code or visit MeadowviewPCA.org/events.

